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## North Hollywood Man Charged with Stealing from Elderly Victims Seeking Mortgage Modifications

A 29-year-old North Hollywood man has been charged with bilking three elderly women out of more than \$50,000 while claiming to help them get a mortgage modification, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Jovanny Malka (dob 9/14/85) is facing six felony counts: three counts of theft from elder or dependent adult exceeding \$950 and three counts of grand theft of personal property exceeding \$950 in case PA083477.

Malka is scheduled to be arraigned tomorrow morning in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

Between April 2012 and November 2013, the defendant reportedly claimed to help fix the mortgages of three women ages 67, 69 and 72. He then kept the money, prosecutors said. One victim allegedly lost \$48,000 in the scheme, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Malka faces a possible maximum sentence of six years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Foothill Station.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.